the State Govt./U.T. Administrations have been advised to post lady officers at such Employment Exchanges where two or more officers are in position. They have also been advised to consider inclusion of atleast one women representative in the Advisory Committee attached to their Employment Exchanges to ensure greater welfare of women applicants.

Elimination of Child Labour

5170. SHRI V. RAJESHWAR RAO: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) what is the plan drawn out by Government to eliminate Child Labour by 2000 AD after the announcement made by the Prime Minister on 15th August, 1994;

(b) whether Government is confident that with this plan the target will be achieved;

(c) what is the responsibility of the States in this regard; and

(d) what is the machinery to monitor the implementation of this plan?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) to (d) As a follow-up on the announcement made by the Prime Minister on 15th August, 1994, a National Authority for the Elimination of Child Labour (NAECL) has been constituted under the Chairmanship of Union Labour Minister to tackle the problem of child labour. The NAECL has adopted a plan of action titled "Identification, Release and Rehabilitation of Child Labour" Briefly, it calls for a convergence of services and schemes of the Central and State Governments at the implementing level — the District to effectively handle the identification and rehabilitation of the family with child labour and stricter enforcement of relevant laws. This plan of action has been sent to all States/UTs for adoption.

Government is presently engaged in the process of preparing a major action plan to eliminate child labour in hazardous occupations which is estimated at 20 lakhs. The Planning Commission has already earmarked an outlay of Rs. 34.40 crores for the year 1995-96 to enable the Government to launch the Scheme in this regard. The year 2000 is the target for the elimination of child labour in hazardous occupations.

Opening of NIC for private users

5171. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are considering to allow the National Informatics Centre network in the country for the private users; and

(b) if so, the details of schemes finalised so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GAMANG): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) NIC has set up the NICNET for providing informatics services to the government and its associates organisations. This network was subsequently supplemented with high speed Info Highway to cater to the growing value added service requirements of the users Several private users have approached NIC for availing these services because of its high speed flexibility and the reach. A proposal for extending these services to certain export oriented organisations to promote exports from India is under the consideration of Government of India.

(i) NIC has set up a joint venture company under Section 25 of Companies Act, 1956 with India Trade